

Midterm Munch Provides a Relaxing Break for Students and Faculty Alike

By Jennifer Ruff
News Editor

On Sunday October 5, the Puma Educators Association, PEA, put together a Midterm Member Munch for all education students. PEA is led by co-presidents Jessica Howard, a junior Math major, and Josh Garrison, a sophomore Elementary Education major. This event was available to the PEA with the help of a Lilly Grant. The munch consisted of a cookout and an all together fun time for education students at Lake Banet.

"Our main goal was to provide an opportunity for those in the education department to relax during this stressful midterm time and enjoy these last few days of warm-ish weather," stated Howard.

It was clear that that goal was indeed reached by the organization. Students, professors and even President Mills, enjoyed the delicious food provided and joined in the many games that were on hand for them to enjoy. In fact President Mills and Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Jerry Mckim joined the future teachers in a very competitive game of volleyball. McKim, Mills, and a few excited students became part of "Team Mckim," and their opponents "Team Awesome" was made up of many eager individuals, who were ready to take them on.

After the rules were set and the way of scoring was decided, the teams began their face off. It was a fierce battle, but in the end it was Team Mckim that came away with the victory. At the end

of the match, Sophomore Education major, Eileen Mills-Groninger mustered out these words "Who knew President Mills was such a Puma Powerhouse?" Mills was also seen playing Bags, a hacky-sack like throwing game with the students.

"My highlight for the afternoon was being able to play a game of bags with president Mills. Although it was his first time, he played very well." Sophomore Political Science major Jordan Leising said.

Junior Music Ed major Ben Gilsdorf echoed that statement with his commentary question "How many people can say they played bags with the president of their college?"

This was something felt by all who attended the event. "This was a prime example of how clubs can get members more involved and I'm thrilled by the support of faculty and administration that was present," stated Junior English major Joe Stewart.

Many would say that the success of the afternoon was because of the calmness of the setting and the relaxing feeling it seemed to create.

Junior Music Ed major Ryan Shaneyfelt said "It was nice to hang out, relax and spend time with our professors in such a relaxed setting."

The Midterm Member Munch can go down as a success for the PEA and will be something that the students will be looking forward to for years to come.



"The Midterm Munch was quite the blast. We should definitely have another one sometime soon," summed up Junior Music Ed major Sarah Wright

Wright tosses a bag, enjoying the weather with Junior Annette Sieverding (above), while the volleyball games became super competitive between all who participated (below). (Photos courtesy of Jennifer Ruff)



Finder's Keepers at Local Thrift

By Sabrina Butts
Staff Writer

Ever have trouble picking out the perfect gift? Does Walmart just not do it for you anymore? Afraid the closest place to go to is a mini road trip away? Not so. There's a place just outside of town that is the perfect place for a creative gift. Jasper Junction is on the corner of US Highway 231 and State Road 14, about five miles north of Rennselear.

Jasper Junction Thrift and Flea Market has a huge collection of interesting odds and ends. Just name it, and they will likely have it. There are collections of gently used books with a variety of titles, both DVDs and old school VHS cassettes, even some broken in clothing for any age. Add that to the variety of knick knacks scattered throughout the store, and you have the perfect place to go when it's time to find the perfect and unique present or the funniest gag gift.

But there's more to Jasper Junction than gifts. You can find just about anything for yourself too. Junior English major, Maggie Hall, found more than she thought she would there.

"I found clothes for the costume shop, some for myself, and a pair of boots too," Hall said.

With Halloween coming up, it is a great place to put together a costume, or even just pick up a few accessories to complete the look.

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Ryanhood Makes Muscial Things Happen at SJC

By Ethan Merrick
Staff Writer

Ryanhood, made up of Ryan Green and Cameron Hood, came to Saint Joseph's Friday. The atmosphere in the Halleck Ballroom was that of a coffee house or a school's auditorium;

great music being played in an unlikely place. Friday night the ballroom, a dimly lit room, was filled with students sitting in lined seats with two shadows playing against the back wall just below the exit sign. Against the back of the stage a red banner with two figures holding guitars

and the words Ryanhood in gray was hung. Two figures in matching outfits; black dress shirts with the sleeves rolled up, ties, blue jeans, and tennis shoes stood upon the stage in front of microphones glowing lightly from the rope lights wrapped around them.

Ryanhood opened with their song "Oh No", "On no! It's time to start the show. Who knows! Where it's gonna go." Those few short lines best describe the Ryanhood concert Friday night.

As Ryan tuned his guitar Hood looked out into the crowd and said, "What do you know for certain about the world? What could you tell your little brother or sister about the world?" His question was met with silence and a few hushed whispers from the crowd. Hood continued, "Here is what I know;



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the world is always in front of you. You just have to open your door and go out into it. This next song is about just that," at that the band started to play "The Long Wide Open."

As Hood tuned his guitar he began to introduce the next song, "This next song is hard for me. Sometimes it's hard for me to hear my own lyrics because their message is 'You can do it,'" at this Hood smirked a little and swung his arm in a "you can do it" fashion, "and when I hear those lyrics I want to say 'No I can't.' So here's the next song Gardens and the Graves". For

"Gardens and the Graves" Ryan took out a mandolin and its sound sailed over and bathed the crowd in warm sonorous melodies.

Ryanhood closed their show with a song from the Boston streets "Sad and Happiness." It was clear to see by the many signatures they signed afterwards that the concert was a success. It is also apparent that students would be more than willing to see them grace us with their presence in the ballroom again very soon.



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Goodbye Puma Rock and Hello Joe!

By Fransico Gonzalez
Staff Writer

As many of you know, the SJC radio station has always been Puma Rock with the tagline "We play it all". Well that is about to change. Since Homecoming week there was a modification in the façade of the Puma Rock radio building heralding the station number's change to 93.3 instead

of 90.5 It is now labeled 93.3 the Joe, with a slogan boasting "Joe Plays...Whatever!"

Sally Berger, Associate Professor of Communication and faculty advisor to WPUM, says that the new station's "music format is a mix bag of goodies from the 50s to today and everything in between."

On Sundays they also plan to play other well known genres

of music such as Classical and Jazz as well as some Broadway and Disney on the side.

The change in format also includes technical changes.

"In July 2007, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) granted Hyles Anderson College in Crown Point, IN the 90.5FM. number This forced WPUM to file a "displacement application" with the FCC to move to another frequency," said Sally Berger.

She also stated how the Puma station is a class D radio station which means that other companies can choose to force the station to move to another frequency. Hopefully the Puma station can find a permanent home at 93.3 as eager radio listeners wish to hear the great tunes that the station has to offer.

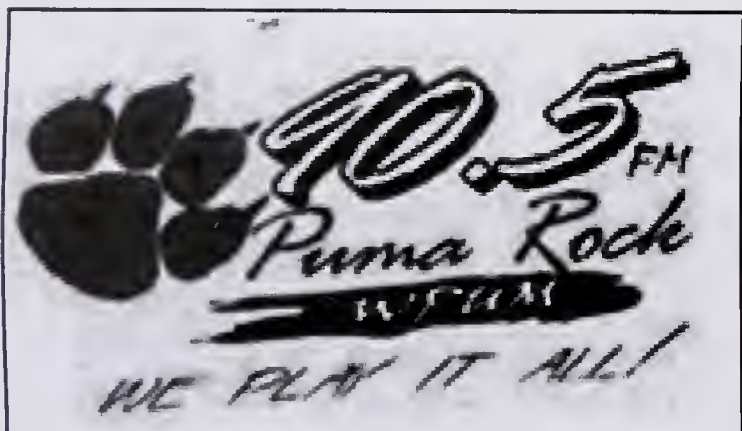


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Upcoming Campus Events

* **October 16-18:** Columbian players present

See How They Run at 8:00 pm. in the Theater.

* **October 25-26:** Lil Sibs Weekend.

* **October 31:** Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry.

What to Know About SIFE

By Morgan Myers
Staff Writer

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is an international service organization designed to help individuals and businesses all over the world. Saint Joseph's has participated in SIFE since Professor Walter Scherb—who is now retired—began an on-campus team in 1978. The organization is still going strong and plans on keeping it that way under their president Lori Smith, a political science major.

In SIFE, students participate in five areas of competition: Market Economics, Entrepreneurship, Success Skills, Business Ethics, and Financial Literacy. All of these disciplines are meant to help the students grow and to learn more about business skills, interactions in the work place, and morals and ethics in business.

SIFE also works with ServiceNation.org to bolster student's sense of national pride and service. In fact, SIFE

sponsored an on-campus event on September 27 to go along with the ServiceNation's presentation in New York featuring the Presidential candidates on 9-11.

The budget for SIFE is small, so the annual Bed Race is a "fun recruiting tool," said Professor George Roy, to use to attract students to SIFE. This year the Bed Race was held on Wednesday, September 10, outside the Core building.

This semester SIFE is working on three projects: A business ethics presentation to a local high school class, a credit counseling seminar targeting St. Joseph's freshmen and seniors, and the 28th Annual Free Enterprise Day, which may involve as many as 100 area high school students. Next semester SIFE will be taking on two more projects as well as preparing for a regional competition in Chicago. SIFE offers BUS 211 for 1 credit hour, but it is much more than a one credit course. SIFE is happily open to all St. Joseph's College students.



SIFE members during the Bed Race. (Photo courtesy of Myers)

Presidential Election 2008

Election Day is November 4. We, *the Observer* staff, firmly support everyone exercising his or her constitutional right to vote for the next Commander-in-Chief of our country. In an effort to increase awareness, both political clubs on campus—the College Democrats and College Republicans—have been actively campaigning and raising awareness for their respective candidates. *The Observer* staff also firmly supports making an educated decision as to who should best lead our country. However misleading, the opinion page of this issue is solely dedicated to factual information about each main party presidential candidate. Representatives from each of the College's political clubs took three issues—Education, Health Care and Foreign Policy—and laid out their candidates position on the issue.

Barack Obama

By Sarah Kitterman
Guest Columnists

Education:

Obama and Biden's plan for K-12 education aims for a more rewarding education system. They intend to reform No Child Left Behind by improving the way progress in schools is assessed by measuring how prepared students are to enter college and the workforce. Struggling schools would receive assistance instead of punishment. The importance of mathematics and science in our classrooms must be insisted upon, so that our nation's children will be able to compete in a global market when they become adults. The high dropout rate would be addressed by funding middle school programs designed to keep education gratifying to students by using personalized academic goals, teaching teams, increased parental involvement, mentoring, and extended learning time. After school activities will expand to keep children occupied with encouraging behaviors. College outreach programs, especially for low-income families, will be supported. Moreover, Obama and Biden have set a goal to increase the number of students receiving college credit through AP courses by at least 50% by 2016 to help make college a reality for more children.

Health Care:

Obama and Biden's plan is to form a government-run health insurance policy, which mimics what the members of Congress, are already supplied. This plan will cover all essential medical needs, including preventive services, maternity, and mental care. Private health care will be as available as it is now, but every policy will be required to cover at least what the government plan would. No one would be required to have health insurance-- government or private--except for children, who, not yet over the age of consent, cannot legally decide whether or not they want to be covered. Every single person will be eligible for health insurance, government and private. If someone cannot afford basic health insurance, there will be subsidies for him or her so that he or she can. Health care providers will not change, so you get to keep your old doctors. States that have already taken steps towards providing health care for all of their citizens (like Indiana) can continue to do so, as long as they



cover what the federal plan would.

Foreign Policy:

We need to be as careful leaving Iraq as we were reckless going in. Obama and Biden propose a plan that, over a period of sixteen months, we would bring home our troops from Iraq, one or two brigades per month. Of course, if a commander on the ground has concerns with the speed of removal, Obama will take their concerns into consideration. The removal of our troops will encourage the Iraqi government to take control of its own nation. The U.S.A. would still have a residual force in Iraq, but only to fight specific counter-terrorism missions against al Qaeda to protect American diplomats and civilians. There would be no permanent bases in Iraq, but we would continue to train Iraqi forces as long as Iraqi leaders attempt to resolve sectarianism in their government. The removal of troops from Iraq will make it easier for us to pay more attention to the nation that harbored al Qaeda in the first place: Afghanistan. Foreign relations are absolutely essential in today's world. As we fight in Iraq and refuse to speak with nations which could potentially become our enemy, our allies are supporting us less and less. We need to speak with nations with which we share friendly attitudes as well as the nations with which we do not get along. Diplomacy works through understanding and negotiation, not through hostility. We need to reward nations with whom our relationships have improved. To refuse to speak with foreign nations, whatever the reason may be, does not make us look tough; it makes us appear arrogant.

I must emphasize that there are detailed plans for almost any national issue you can think of available at www.barackobama.com. I strongly encourage you to visit before you vote this election year.

John McCain

By Jacob Louis Teshka
Guest Columnist

Education:

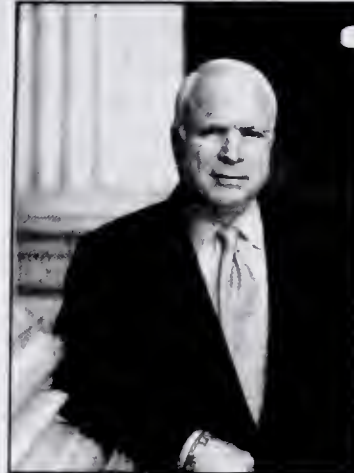
John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin understand the utter importance of education for America's future success. Senator McCain recognizes the flaws in the No Child Left Behind Act but supports the idea that schools and teachers should be held accountable for classroom performance. The McCain-Palin ticket strongly supports choice and competition in America's education system. Parents choosing to place their children in parochial and charter schools are able to provide their children with a greater opportunity while pressuring the public school system to increase performance.

Health Care:

John McCain will use free market solutions to fix our nation's health care system. By bringing together medical professionals, consumers, business and patient advocates we can find a solution to the skyrocketing costs of health care without socializing the system. A McCain-Palin administration will offer tax incentives to help insure all Americans. We wish to reform the system and restore control of the system to the patients themselves.

Foreign Policy:

Senator McCain is by far the most qualified man to be America's next Commander-in-Chief. Having served for 22 years in the U.S. Navy, including 5 years as a P.O.W., John McCain knows the strategies that will lead America to succeed against her enemies. He has been involved in every major national security issue since the Cuban Missile Crisis and is uniquely qualified to lead America in these tumultuous times. A McCain-Palin administration will continue to support the strategy of General Petraeus and will always listen to those generals on the ground. This administration will not accept defeat in any sector of the War on Terror, including homeland security. John McCain will protect the American people from Islamic Extremists and Rogue Nations who wish to do



them harm. "We are Americans and we will never surrender" – John McCain

John McCain and Sarah Palin have a proven record of reform. Both candidates have taken on leaders within their own party to achieve what is best for their respective constituents. With a vote for McCain-Palin, you may rest assured that your best interests and the interests of the country will always be placed first. A McCain-Palin administration will work with members of any party or those with no party affiliation at all to ensure America's place in the world's future.

We must not let our freedom, our Traditional values and the American way of life be destroyed by a far left, secular-progressive movement. We must fight against the advances of "big government," which threaten to encroach on every aspect of our lives. We must learn from history and never forget. A vote for McCain-Palin is a vote for freedom. It is a signal that you are willing to fight for reform, prosperity, and peace. Do not "Hope" for a change. Vote for one.



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Create Your Infinite Playlist with Nick and Norah in this Week’s Pick

By Melissa Piskula
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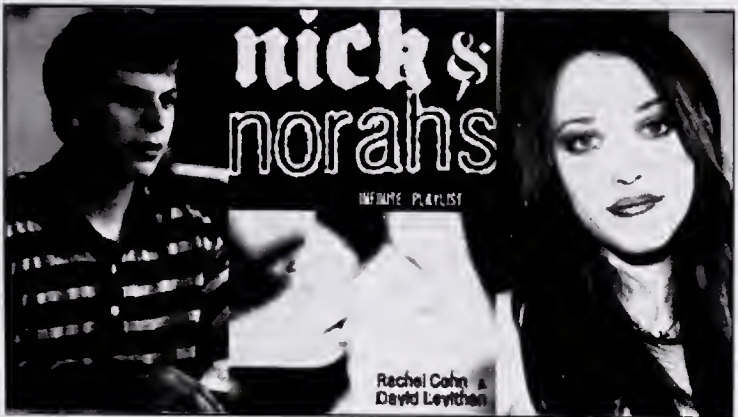
So for this week’s column I decided to go see *Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist*. Little did I know, I happened to be the only adult in the theater. Right away I immediately thought this was bound to be a let down if the audience the film was targeting was the Myspace/Facebook generation. I am surprised to say that the film had me entertained throughout. The exact reason why, I’m not sure. It could be the fact that Michael Cera is adorable in about anything he does, or it could be the sad, but sweet and funny undertones the film had. Nevertheless, *Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist* has substance. The film is basically about Nick’s band hunting down their favorite band, Where’s Fluffy?, after their gig in the city.

In the midst of this, Nick is heartbroken; even though he and his ex, Tris (played by Alexis Dziena) broke up quite some time ago, he is still not over her. Since they’ve broken up he has been making her mix CDs containing his/her favorite music, hoping that if she hears these songs, she’ll come back to him. Needless to say, the mix CDs aren’t working, hence the title *Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist*. So the question to ask yourself is “Who is Norah and how does she fit into the mix?” Norah (played by Kat Dennings) is Tris’ schoolmate/ friend, and I’m using the term “friend” loosely. Norah has been collecting Nick’s mix CDs every time Tris receives a new one and tosses it into the trash laughing at its absurdity. So, here’s Norah almost in love with a guy she knows nothing about except the

fact that she and Nick are “musical soulmates.” The cast ends up in the nightclub where Nick’s band is playing their gig. After Tris shows up with a new guy, Nick’s mood sinks even lower; Norah, on the other hand, is confronted by Tris, who teases Norah about showing up to the club alone. Norah decides to choose the cute bass player and say that he’s her new boyfriend, not knowing the bass player is Tris’ Nick. Norah tells Nick to go along with whatever she says. When Tris approaches them, Norah finds out about the two. Nick immediately thinks he could ask Norah about Tris’ life and what happened between them. Nick’s band mates are against this idea. They’re convinced Nick and Norah are destined to be together. So, Nick goes along with Norah.

It is obvious where the plot is going; Nick is going to ultimately have to choose between Tris and Norah. For the most part, *Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist* is your typical romantic comedy, it has just been updated to fit in the high school/ college crowds of today. Yet,

while the film can be predictable overall, the film still manages to be packed with adventures, laughs and a great soundtrack. *Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist* was directed by Peter Sollett. The film also stars Aaron Yoo, Rafi Gavron, Ari Graynor and Jay Baruchel.



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.slashfilm.com/wp/wp-content/images/nickandnorah.jpeg>)

Janet Evanovich Keeps the Pace with Newest Addition to the Plum Series

By Erica Brown
Staff Writer

I first read Janet Evanovich in high school when I was given her first book, *One for the Money*, for my birthday by a friend. I liked the book because it was funny. Kind of like watching a horror movie spoof, but not. I then began to read the rest of her Stephanie Plum series, as well as picking up her short stories in the book aisle at our local Wal-mart. So when her newest installment of her Stephanie Plum series came out this summer, I was suitably excited. *Fearless Fourteen* (it is the fourteenth book in the series, if the title did not give that away) is the continuation of her Stephanie Plum series. The book continues the story of Stephanie Plum, a reluctant bond enforcement agent from Trenton, New Jersey. In the story, Stephanie’s on-again-off-again boyfriend, Joe Morelli is having...trouble – as in someone breaking into his house trouble – but then again so is Stephanie.

She is yet again having trouble paying her rent, and has to resort to doing odd jobs for the other member of her love triangle, Ranger. Add in a kidnapped mom, a crazy grandmother obsessed with a World of War Craft like game, a stoner with a potato gun, a missing ex-con, a singer who is a cross between Madonna and Tara Reid, but eighty, and a plus-sized ex-hooker who likes ultra-tight spandex and you get a hilarious tale of mystery and hijinks that will keep you laughing. *Fearless Fourteen* is a continuation of the fast-paced commentary and dialog that has made Evanovich popular, although in this book, Evanovich has changed her writing style. Evanovich has moved from a book that is a mix of dialogue and commentary, to a book that is mostly snappy dialogue. Though the book is just as amusing as her earlier works (what says funny like a stoner shooting potatoes through a window at innocent bystanders), I could not help but feel that the book does not go as in depth as her earlier books. Evanovich also seems to lose the plot with the commentary in the book, making the readers forget that this is a mystery book and not a charming book about the life and times of an out-of-luck bounty hunter. The book also continues the love triangle between Stephanie, Joe, and Ranger. If you have read the other thirteen books in the series, you are most likely wishing Evanovich would just choose one guy for Stephanie already. The drawn out tension between the three characters, while

- Other Books in the Stephanie Plum Series
- One for the Money
- Two for the Dough
- Three to Get Deadly
- Four to Score
- High Five
- Hot Six
- Seven Up
- Hard Eight
- To the Nines
- Ten Big Ones
- Eleven on Top
- Twelve Sharp
- Lean Mean Thirteen
- Other Series by Evanovich
- Elsie Hawkins Series
- Barnaby Series
- Full Series with Charolette Hughes
- Hot Series with Leanne Banks

acting as an amusing plot device, has, in my opinion, begun to drag the pacing of the book down. It makes one wish that Evanovich would just get on with it and move the plot along. While the book does have its problems, it is a good read if you like something fast and easy to read. Evanovich will not be winning the Nobel Literature Prize anytime soon. The book is full of charm and snappy dialogue, and will delight readers from all walks of life. I am giving this book a six out of ten, but this weeks rating is based on how this book measures up to the books that have come before it. Despite my rating, for a supermarket book, it is a pretty good one, and will leave whoever reads it in tears of laughter. Writer’s Rating: ★★★★★ of 10

Appreciation for a Classy Guy

By Jordan Leising
Staff Writer

He was known as the Chairman of the Board, Ol’ Blue Eyes, the Hoodlum from Hoboken, or simply as the Voice. For over fifty years Frank Sinatra changed the face of popular music and the popular culture in general. While many had been heard in musicals and from other musicians, when Frank sang, you could feel the emotion, the joy, the sorrow, and the tenderness as it made way into the soul.



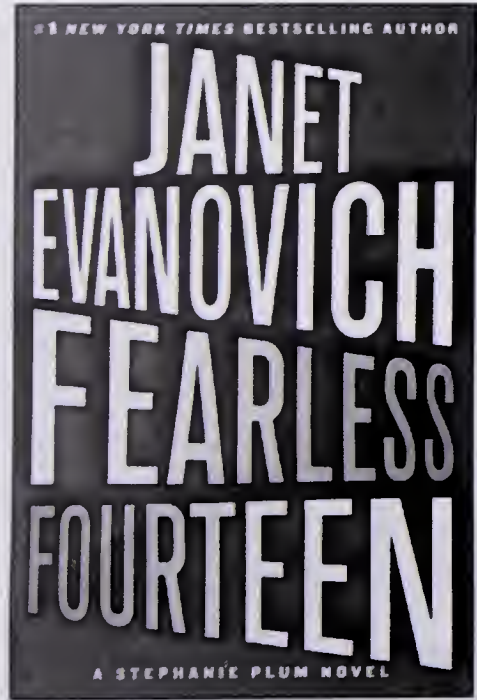
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My first real experience with Sinatra was during the eighth grade, when I purchased a CD of one of his concerts at the Sands Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas. Personally, I have never liked live recordings, but these were different. When I heard him sing Cole Porter’s “Night and Day,” I was stunned at how much it sounded like a studio recording. His singing possesses a clarity and articulation that was unrivaled and will be hard to come by in this age. Sinatra, while he was seen as performer for lounges and clubs, appeals to all generations, social classes, and genders. While telling those toward the bottom that everyone can use a

little class, at the same time he can tell even the Hiltons and the Rockefellers of the world that when it comes down to it we are all the same and we can all have fun despite our differences. He appeals to the vitality and energy of youth and the values and easy-going nature of older generations. Sinatra was the king of cool, and in my heart that’s what he always will be. His music, alongs with his movies and activism, has inspired thousands in a new generation of musicians and actors. From the years he spent with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra to his thousands of concerts at the Sands, the Desert Inn, and the Golden Nugget in

Las Vegas, to his last two albums “Duets I and II,” Sinatra gave generations over a thousand songs so that they may enjoy but also learn from the lessons and the emotions that each signature Sinatra piece carries.

- Songs to consider:
1. Night and Day – Classic Sinatra: His Greatest Hits
2. Dancing In the Dark – Come Dance With Me!
3. I’m A Fool to Want You – Where Are You?
4. Send In the Clowns – Reprise: The Very Good Years
5. It Was a Very Good Year – Nothing But the Best - The Frank Sinatra Collection (Remastered)
6. I’ve Got the World on a String – Classic Sinatra: His Greatest Hits
7. Moonlight Serenade – Greatest Love Songs
8. Cheek to Cheek – Romance: Songs from the Heart
9. You and the Night and the Music – Greatest Love Songs
10. Time After Time – Romance: Songs From the Heart



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Slime Creatures from Outer Space! (Part 1)

By Andrew Dudich
Staff Writer

Have you ever been walking through the grotto and felt like you were being watched? Does that creepy freshman eyeballing you from the corner give you goose bumps? Is it a coincidence that the lampposts flicker in the night?

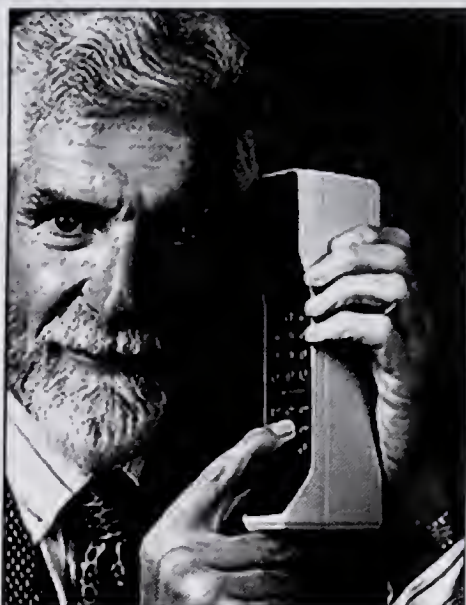
If these questions have ever entered your mind, you are not alone. All over campus bizarre occurrences have consistently been reported. There is only one rational explanation: slime creatures from outer space!

The leading cause of Saint Joseph's infestation dates back to 1973, ironically the same year that reports identify the infamous rocket-powered unicycle experiment as causing the Administration building to burn down.

Later that same year, Motorola employee, Martin Cooper, patented the "radio telephone system" which he says was inspired by *Star Trek*. His invention, dubbed "The Brick" became the first personal mobile phone. However, investigatory journalism reveals that this technology was not, in fact, derived from sci-fi television but is actually stolen alien technology!

While traveling through Rensselaer 35 years ago, Martin Cooper noticed smoke coming from the South end of town. Upon arriving at the scene, Cooper witnessed the towering inferno of the Saint Joseph's College administration building. After the flames subsided, curiosity struck the man, and under the cover of night, he ventured into the rubble to see what sort of rubbish he could use as Christmas presents. What he found was not trash but a rare treasure that had been left behind by the *true* culprits of the fire, ALIENS!

Returning to his car with his find, Cooper began to experiment with the newly-found object. After several hours, his experience with electronics led him to believe that this device was a form of a wireless telecommunicator. What happened next is perhaps the most remarkable. In Martin Cooper's hands, the machine roared to life! Lights flashed, the casing vibrated, and the speaker of the machine crackled with a strange language emanating forth.



Martin Cooper and the Brick that would become our modern day, addictive communication devices. (Photo courtesy of)

Keeping his cool, Cooper lifted what he deduced as the microphone to his mouth and spoke the most famous unknown words in history, "Who the hell is this?" A deep voice replied in fluent Russian, Japanese, and finally English, "A human dialect... Who might I be addressing?" Martin Cooper explained how he discovered the device in the fire, and the mysterious voice responded about how it must have been left there after an "accident".

A meeting point was arranged and Cooper journeyed Northeast of Rensselaer and waited in the fields of a farmer known as Moody. It was just after midnight when a hissing noise pierced the night and glowing lights illuminated the sky. The electronics technician was dumbfounded when a spaceship, shaped like a giant metallic egg, began to land at the specified location. A blinding light flashed as metal met rock and a hatch opened before him, revealing the most fearsome creature he had ever seen...

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The fire of 1973 that destroyed our once lovely administration building. (Photo courtesy of http://graphics.boston.com/bonzai-fba/Globe_Photo/2007/12/15/1197726448_0520.jpg)

Five Simple Steps to Become Saint Joseph's College Superheroes and Super Villains

By Danielle Marshall
Features Editor

All of us want to be superheroes in one way or another. Whether for the recognition or glory of just battling our enemies or whether

through powers of darkness or gifts of light, we all want to share something with our favorite comic book characters.

For some, this idea can be very noble. Protect the innocent and weak among us while maintaining the persona of a normal person.

For others, the goal of being a superhero for power can be catastrophic. Power is addicting and can lead to the fall of many.

In either course, we must remember to follow a certain set of rules of honor. Any good superhero or super villain training requires the knowledge of these rules, but those aren't important until graduation.

For our purposes this time, we need to look simply at the steps one must take in order to become a superhero (or villain for the power hungry out there). Without following these steps there is no way you can even begin actual training.

1 Obtain a special ability: If you already have special abilities, good for you! You are one step ahead. But for the rest of you. You can't be anything unless you have some special talent worth mentioning. Try falling into a vat of toxic waste or being bitten by a radioactive spider. Those are rather effective measures. These abilities can range from psychic powers of mind control and mind reading to physical prowess of rapid cellular regeneration and super strength.

2 Design an outfit: All the coolest heroes and villains have them. Look at Spiderman and Superman. Those tight spandex pants and whooshing

capas. Yeah. You know you want that. Design it in the most unique way possible or you are just going to look like a generic freak with a mask trying to rob a bank. Though, if that is your actual goal, you need to be more creative than that.

3 Make an ultimate enemy: Whether you are the villain or the hero, you can't do anything spectacular without an arch nemesis to waste your time with. They are the ones that give you purpose in life. Take a look at your best friends. They usually prove to be the best enemies when they know so much about you. Or just look at that friendly mentor, who could be hiding a dark secret

4 Find a sidekick: These are the people you get to shove around without feeling bad because that's why they're there. You need these punks to get the job done when you are too lazy to do anything. Just don't be too hard on them or they may stab

you in the back. But they are definitely helpful in a tight pinch when you mess up.

5 Start your own fan-club: So what's the point in being an amazing person who kicks evils if you don't have anyone to worship the ground you walk on? You need your support group and hopefully it is full of the hopeful significant others who you can use and abuse while doing your best to balance your heroic life and your "normal" life.

Okay. So the steps are a little lame. How are you going to find a vat of toxic waste or a radioactive spider? Making friends is hard enough so why push yourself to make enemies? Not to mention demeaning your helpful friends and the narcissism of creating a fan-club for yourself.

Oh well. If it gets the job done and you become a superhero, what does it matter?

Invisible to Everyone Around

By Jessica Lamping
Staff Writer

I am willing to bet a good amount of money that most people on this campus have no idea who I am. It's ok. I probably don't know who you are either. It's not that I don't like people. I love this school, and I've had a great three years. I just have a habit of hiding so well that most of the time I don't even know where I am.

I can usually be found in the corner in most of my classes. I used to think professors didn't notice me until Charley Kerlin yelled at me for sitting in the corner in every class I've had with him. I was so startled I couldn't even form a witty response. I've worked really hard to blend in with that chair in the back of the room.

I really can't blame the rest of my class for not noticing me. I recently got a lip ring, which is pretty noticeable if you know what I look like. I only had two people who weren't in my immediate circle of friends comment on it. One of those people was a professor. I know people in my classes noticed, but they weren't sure if I'd had it since the beginning of the school year or if they just noticed it that day.

I am always impressed when people know my first and last name. Facebook has made it easy to look people up and learn not only their names, but the names of their immediate family, their favorite band, and sometimes the name of their third grade teacher. Now I actually have to get to know people by approaching them and speaking to them. In person. How many people still do that anymore? I like to pretend I'm old-fashioned sometimes.

Once, I had a person try to start a rumor about me. It got to maybe three people before I overheard it. These girls were talking about me, not realizing I was sitting a few feet away. I wasn't angry, though. The idea

that someone would try to start a rumor about me was so absurd that I had to bite my lip before I erupted into a fit of giggles on a Core couch.

That is actually part of the reason I deleted Facebook and Myspace. I realized that those networking sites were really just a cover up for Internet stalking. Don't even try to deny it. Doesn't it make you feel just a little bit naughty to know personal bits of information about that guy you had Core class with freshman year? Mostly it made me feel like a ninja.

I have been blissfully out of the gossip loop for about a year and a half. Things have actually gotten better for me. While I have become more outgoing and very rarely sit in my room in the dark anymore, I revel in the fact that the new people I meet might not be able to find me again. I am like a leprechaun. When you have me by the leg, I am pretty magical. But good luck even finding me in the first place.



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.halloweenscene.com/mm5/graphics/00000001/5165%20Sexy%20Leprechaun%202.jpg>)



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.familycourtchronicles.com/philosophy/superhero/superhero.jpg>)

Football Team Defeats Lincoln

By Dan Rogers
Staff Writer

Last time we left our Puma football team, they were 2-2 going into two key games versus Lincoln University and Missouri Science and Technology.

The Pumas faced Lincoln University on September 27th, where they defeated the Tigers 31-10. Running back, Jashon Banks was once again impressive, rushing for 145 yards and a touchdown on the day. Running back Terrance Freeman also rushed for 92 yards and a touchdown. Freshman Quarterback Mike Hladik threw for 136 yards, connecting with Terrance Freeman and Mack Ogeltree for a pair of touchdowns. Hladik had no interceptions for the Puma offense.

The Puma defense stepped up and stopped the Tigers from putting points on the board in the second half. Defensive backs Ben Gomes and Deshon McClendon each totaled 5 tackles at the end of the game.

After the match-up versus the Lincoln Tigers, the Pumas

were 3-2, looking to extend their winning record against the Missouri Science and Technology Miners on October 4th. The Pumas were behind the Miners for the entire game, and although they attempted to make a fourth quarter comeback, it was not enough—the Pumas were defeated 38-29.

Jashon Banks rushed for 50 yards and caught nine passes for 78 yards and a touchdown, while receiver Robert Dutton made six catches for 114 yards. Deshon McClendon and Ben Gomes once again led the Puma defense. The pair combined for 17 tackles, while David Wallace had three tackles and an interception. Quarterback Mike Hladik struggled at times, throwing two interceptions to the Miner defense, though Hladik did throw for an impressive 283 yards and two touchdowns. It was not, however, enough get the Pumas a win.

The Pumas got the ball back with ten minutes in the fourth quarter, and although Hladik found Jashon Banks in the endzone for a 15-yard touchdown,

the Pumas still trailed by two points. Unfortunately, the ensuing two-point conversion failed.

With their record now at 3-3, the Pumas finally return to SJC for their penultimate home game to face Fairmont State on October 18th. Hopefully the energy of the home crowd can help the Pumas advance to a 4-3 record, so come out and support your Puma football team! Kickoff at Alumni Stadium will be at noon on Saturday.



Linebacker Payne Schoen (#22) celebrates a Puma turnover with Jae West (#90). (Phata courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.)

Upcoming Football Schedule
(All home games in bold)

Oct 18 Fairmont State (W.Va.)

Oct 25 @ Kentucky Wesleyan

Nov 1 @ Southwest Baptist

Nov 8 Central State (Ohio)

Current Record: (3-3)

2008 Team Statistics	SJC	OPP
Points Per Game.....	32.3	33.2
Time Of Possession Per Game.....	31:25	31:50
3rd-Down Conversions.....	27/82	28/78
4th-Down Conversion.....	7/9	12/17
Sacks-Yards Lost.....	10-69	9-68
Touchdowns Scored.....	25	29
Field Goals-Attempts.....	7-7	3-4
Attendance.....	2,654	7,832

2008 Individual Leaders

PASSING: Mike Hladik-80/146 comp/att;4 INTs;54.8%;1033 yds;11 TDs

RUSHING: Jashon Banks-98 att, 466 yds;4.8 yds/rush;7 TDs;77.7 yds/gm

RECEIVING: Jashon Banks-19 rec,214 yds;11.3 yds/rec;2 TDs;35.7 yds/gm

DEFENSE: DeShon McClendon-27 solo tackles,13 assists;1 sack;1 fumble

Cheerleaders Pump Up Puma Spirit

By Kynten Hannon
Staff Writer

The sports world is often a controversial place, filled with new and exciting sports in which to try out and compete. The list of recognized sports is rapidly expanding and many people are none too thrilled with some of these new additions. One of the newest inductees to the athletics system is an older tradition that few people ever thought of as a sport until now: cheerleading. On September 30th, I sat down with senior cheerleading captain Kristen Gephart and junior co-captain Melanie Cooper to shed some light on the team's recent addition to the Puma Athletics family officially as competitive athletes.

I entered the gym as the team was taking the floor to do their stretching exercises, dutifully led by Gephart and Cooper. A swift greeting came from Coach Kassie Vanderwall. Vanderwall is a 2000 graduate of Saint Joseph's College. A native of Morocco, Indiana, Vanderwall entered the position of Head Coach in May of



Kristen Gephart is balanced by her team members during a cheerleading practice. Gephart is the squad's senior captain. (Phata courtesy of Kassie Vanderwall)

2006. A quick call for two team members went out, and as two athletes rose from the mats, we each exchanged greetings and ventured to the hall way where they gave me a thorough interview about the young team and their induction into the Puma athletics system.

"We are all really pleased with the decision to make cheerleading an official sport," said Gephart. "We all work extremely hard to perform our best and represent our school well. A lot of people overlook us to begin with, but many people would argue that cheerleading is not a sport because they don't realize that we work incredibly hard and have regular practices just like every other recognized sport. We practice for at least two hours a day, four times a week, and have a certain amount of time we spend in the

weight room each week."

"We have gotten a lot of support from the other teams on campus, especially the basketball and the football teams," said to have really tough requirements this year for auditioning team members. All cheerleaders that tried out had to have experience, and they had to be capable of doing a backhand spring. All of our freshmen had a lot of talent before they arrived here and several of our members hold awards and titles. This was the first year where we actually got to have the option of making cuts."

"We are all really excited to see how we do in competitive cheerleading," said Cooper. The Puma cheerleading team will be engaging in competitive cheerleading for the first time in SJC history this year. Competition dates have not yet been released.

When asked about the struggles their team has faced this year, the two captains informed me that they had had only one problem and that they face the same problem every year. "We always have to work on trust and building confidence amongst our team. You cannot expect someone to feel safe with some person they have never seen in a very hands-on sport just randomly holding or throwing them ten feet in the air and hoping they catch them on the way down," said Cooper. "That's something we always have to work on and always will."

Freshman Tom Richardson is one of the male members of the squad. He describes his role on the team as "being the muscle on the team." Richardson says he excited to contribute in the coming years to the squad and to help them improve. "We're a young team this year with mostly freshman but we're doing great and have bright plans and



The Puma cheerleaders practice all year lang supporting Saint Jaseph's athletics. (Phota courtesy of Kassie Vanderwall)

potential to be an amazing team in the future," he says.

Melanie Cooper summed up the disparity between the team's reputation and the reality. "People who have never met us look at us and think 'Oh, cheerleaders,' but we are not the rude, snotty bunch that people often stereotype us as. We like to keep

things classy. We are cheerleaders, but we are also way more than that," says Cooper. "We are like every other sports team in that we are like family and we always have each other's backs."



ABOVE: The Puma cheerleading squad utilizes male members such as Markeith Bray and Tam Richardsan to lift and support the ather members an complex lifts and formations. FAR LEFT: The Puma cheerleaders prepare routines and cheers for every Puma faatball and basketball game. (Photas courtesy of Kassie Vanderwall)

MLB Playoffs Showcase Chicago Clubs

By James M. Fennessy
Staff Writer



Before beginning this article, I want to let it be known that I am a Chicago White Sox fan. I am from the city of Chicago, and in saying this there are a lot of politics involved when talking about baseball in the windy city, that most of you would not understand. It seems that this year the Major League Baseball postseason is a crapshoot. All six teams eligible for postseason play could easily win the World Series, but I'm here to tell you which one will. Here are my predictions:

ALDS:

Boston Red Sox vs. Los Angeles Angels

The Red Sox are banged up, but still have a great starting rotation, bullpen, and lineup. J.D. Drew is just coming off the DL with back problems, Josh Beckett is questionable for a Game 3 ALDS start, and Big Papi's (David Ortiz) lingering pain in his restructured wrist are all not very promising developments for the Carmines. These Sox have the most playoff experience though, which could play a big role.

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim are the best team in the American League on paper. John Lackey, Ervin Santana, Jon Garland, Joe Saunders, and Jered Weaver make up the best rotation in these playoffs. Also, with their midseason acquisition of Mark Teixeira, the Angels only get better.

Prediction:

Even with the Sox being experienced, the Angels just have way too many weapons and a great rotation: **Angels in 5.**

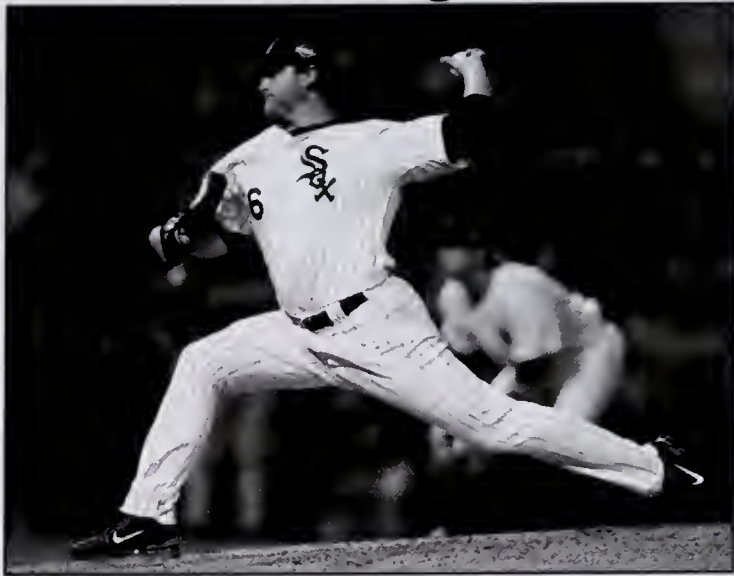


Can the Angels win it all? (Photo credit: <http://www.angelsjersey.com/images/lasangelesangels.jpg>)

Chicago White Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays

The Tampa Bay Rays are in the playoffs for the first time in franchise history. That being said, they have a very good young pitching staff, and a lineup that is healing at the right time. Evan Longoria has surpassed any expectations anyone has had for him and will edge Alexei Ramirez for Rookie of the Year honors.

The Chicago White Sox are red-hot after being the first team in franchise history to beat three separate teams on the last three days of the regular season. These Sox have three frontline starters,



White Sox pitcher Mark Buerle pitches against Tampa Bay in the National League Divisional Series of the MLB Playoffs. (Photo credit: <http://whitesaxmusings.mlbags.com/mark-buerle-white-sox.jpg>)

and have Thornton and Jenks out of the bullpen. Carlos Quentin is out for this series, and Joe Crede is out for the year. This may be the last chance to win a World Series with this group of players.

Prediction:

White Sox in 5.

NLDS:

Los Angeles Dodgers vs.



The Dodgers swept the Cubs in the NLDS 3-0. (Photo credit: http://newsing.bbc.ca.uk/media/images/42033000/jpg/_42033062_baseball_416.jpg)

Chicago Cubs

The Chicago Cubs are the best team on paper in the National League. They have three front-line starters, and a lineup that just seems to click. Carlos Marmol has been lights-out in the second half of the season, with Kerry Wood still a little shaky as the Cubs closer. Zambrano and Harden have been ailing with some arm troubles as of late.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have resurrected their season with their acquisition of Manny Ramirez. Jason Schmidt, Brad Penny, and Andruw Jones failed to make the playoff roster due to injuries. However, everyone is sleeping on the Dodgers, who have a well balanced lineup, and a good solid pitching staff.

Prediction:

Sorry Cubs' fans, **Dodgers in 4.**

[Editor's note: As of press time, the Cubs ended up being swept by the Dodgers 3-0.]



"The Curse" lives on as the Cubs last in the past-season yet again. The Cubs have not won the World Series since 1908. (Photo credit: <http://spartsmaven.files.wordpress.com/2007/10/cubs-lase-ta-diamondbacks-10-6-07.jpg>)

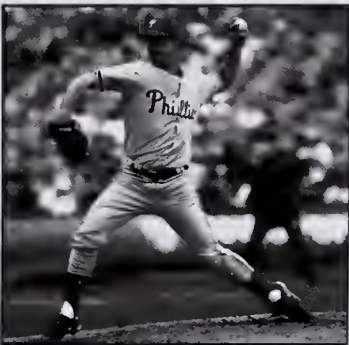
Philadelphia Phillies vs. Milwaukee Brewers

The Brewers made the playoffs because the Mets choked for the second straight season. C.C. Sabathia is definitely the savior of a town that hasn't seen the postseason since 1982. The Brewers have good young talent, but Ben Sheets is out for the year.

The Philadelphia Phillies ride in on the shoulders of Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Cole Hamels, Pat Burrell, and Jimmy Rollins. Brad Lidge nails down the bullpen, and when clicking, this lineup can beat some American League lineups.

Prediction:

Phillies in 3



The Philadelphia Phillies and Chase Utley are trying to beat the Milwaukee Brewers in the NLDS. (Photo credit: <http://cdn.fanix.com/images/blog/b868e82e0a4447cb97bb15d93a0b3b9c.jpg>)

ALCS:

Chicago White Sox vs. Los Angeles Angels

Prediction: **Angels in 6**

NLCS:

Philadelphia Phillies vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Prediction: **Dodgers in 7**

World Series:

I'm going to pick a Freeway Series Dodgers vs. Angels, sorry Chicago, but the goat lives on. **Angels in 6.**

Puma Track Profile: Sean Warren

By David Spencer
Sports Editor

Hometown: Demotte, IN

High School: Kankakee Valley

Major: Mass Comm and Theater

White Sox or Cubs? White Sox

Obama or McCain? Palin!

Looks or personality? Personality

Favorite Track Event? Pole Vault or 110-meter Hurdles

Favorite book? The Odyssey

Favorite Guitar Solo? "Selkies: The Endless Obsession" by Between the Buried and Me

Favorite dorm? The apartments!

Would you rather be a drama king, sports jock, or band geek? All three baby!



Sean Warren competes in track & field, theater, and band for SJC. (Photo by David Spencer)

Favorite drink? Gatorade

Best high school memory? Playing Ichabod Crane in The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Lord of the Rings or Harry Potter? Harry Potter

Matrix or Star Wars? Star Wars

Can you play any musical instruments? Guitar, bass, drums, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, piano, saxophone

What would you do if you had a million dollars? Spend it on Taco Bell and Candy

October's Real Sport: Hockey Is Back!

By John Wyatt
Staff Writer

I'm sure most of you have been keeping up with the Sox and Cubs. But what about that other October sport? No, not football—I am talking about the greatest sport that man has ever contrived: hockey. Now I know what you are thinking, "Who cares about hockey?" Well, let me tell you a few things about hockey.

The fastest slap shot ever was over 120mph—beat that baseball fans. The pads are thinner than that of a quarterback, so next time you watch ESPN and see a crushing hit remember that these guys really are taking a beating. Also, know that just this past year and in the 80s, people have had their throats literally cut open by hockey skates—but both survived. Now that I have your attention, welcome to the world of hockey.

I want to leave you with a few projections for the Western



Hockey seasons begins this month. Who are you rooting for? (Photo credit: http://lakelauise.howler.com/images/NHL_Logo.gif)

Central Division, which includes Chicago, Detroit, Nashville, and St. Louis.

Chicago had a great year last year barely missing the playoffs to Nashville. I expect them to do a little better and rival Detroit for top of the division.

Nashville put up a good fight in the playoffs against the Wings, which I never saw coming. But it's still Nashville and I can never give them any credit, so they'll take third in division this year.

The St. Louis Blues... what can I say other than maybe they break .500 this year? A team that is actually well managed but so untalented and young just can't win.

Then, finally my Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings—what else can I say other than "repeat"? They lost two major stars to retirement, but added a star and an up-and-coming goalie.

"Repeat"? Perhaps I should say "dynasty".



Can the Detroit Red Wings repeat this year in the NHL Stanley Cup, or can Chicago or St. Louis overtake them atop the National Hockey League throne? (Photo credit: http://netcrashers.files.wordpress.com/2006/12/dt102_red_wings_datsyuk3.jpg)

Karma and the Cosmos



By Star Goddess Sophia

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
The next few weeks could be quite fabulous for you! Nevertheless, you may want to be prepared to face a minor difficulty around the 14th which will be over before you know it. Enjoy your (mostly) wonderful two weeks!

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)
Midterms have come and gone and you are feeling a bit worried about your grades on your tests. But never fear, your studying and hard work have most definitely paid off! Relax and enjoy your break instead of fretting about grades.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)
The upcoming week has quite a bit of surprises in store for you while the week after will have more of a calming influence. Both weeks will be good in different ways for your own inner peace.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)
You may have noticed something appealing which you are considering investing in. Make absolutely sure you have the proper funds available for this item. Do not dip into your savings account for this!

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)
You are disliking this new (much cooler) fall weather. Your fiery personality tends to like summertime much more. Yet you might find some good in this cooler weather...hot chocolate, anyone?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)
You have been feeling quite stressed as of late. Tests and papers have you bogged down and feeling in a bit of a rut. Try getting out of this rut by spending some quality time with friends.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)
You have been slacking off in your classes a bit lately and it is beginning to show. While having a social life and going out to the ever exciting Thursday night events on campus may be fun, one must study while in college too...

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You are in a rather ghoulish mood before Halloween has even hit. Pumpkins and costumes are consuming your thoughts. Although Halloween is fun, do not forget about other aspects of living or you might fall a bit behind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)
A friendship issue may have been causing trouble for the past few weeks and your friend has not been responding to you. They are now ready to speak but you must be sure that you are truly ready to listen.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 1)
You are absolutely loving this cooler fall weather. Although you appreciate summertime, you truly feel peaceful during this time of year. Enjoy the pleasant weather while it lasts because it will be winter before you know it!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)
You have been thinking about your future more and more as of late. Be prepared for a guiding hand to come your way over the next few weeks. This person may help you to determine what it is you want to do in the future not only at SJC but also post graduation.

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)
You are feeling more in tune with friends and the campus at large. Your projects and activities seem to be going well for you and you are feeling quite peaceful as of late. Enjoy this good karma while it lasts!

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for October 9
(219) 866-2222

fountainstonetheaters.com

Beverly Hills Chihuahua

Fri: 5:00, 7:10 (PG)
Sat: 5:00, 7:10
Sun: 5:00, 7:10
Mon-Thurs: 5:00, 7:10

The House Bunny

Fri: 4:40, 6:50 (PG-13)
Sat: 4:40, 6:50
Sun: 4:40, 6:50
Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 6:50

Lakeview Terrace

Fri: 4:30, 6:40 (PG-13)
Sat: 2:30, 4:30, 6:40
Sun: 2:30, 4:30, 6:40
Mon-Thurs: 4:30, 6:40

Eagle Eye

(PG-13)
Fri: 2:30, 4:20, 6:30, 8:50
Sat: 2:30, 4:20, 6:30, 8:50
Sun: 4:20, 6:30, 8:50
Mon-Thurs: 4:20, 6:30

Nights in Rodanthe

Fri: 2:30, 4:50, 7:00 (PG-13)
Sat: 2:20, 4:50, 7:00
Sun: 4:50, 7:00
Mon-Thurs: 4:50, 7:00

Coming Soon!

Quarantine
The Express
Max Payne
Saw V

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for October 9
(219) 866-0086

www.ritzcinema.net

The Dark Knight

(R)
Every night at 7:30

Coming Soon!

Righteous Kill (R)

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further!

Submit your anonymous comments to erm6109@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

Why do dill pickles "scream"? That is not a function of pickles.

This Fall, Mel Gibson is John McCain. Jodie Foster is Sarah Palin. Maverick 2: The Maverickening.

That's right. Her dog is wearing a Colt's jersey. Just let that sink in.

Fact of the Matter

There are more psychoanalysts per capita in Buenos Aires than any other place in the world.

Tickets for Frank Sinatra's first solo performance at the Paramount Theatre in New York City in 1942, sold for 35 cents each.

In ancient religions, the Norsemen considered the mistletoe a baleful plant that caused the death of Baldur, the shining god of youth.

In Lehigh, Nebraska it's against the law to sell donut holes.

Phobophobia is a fear of fearing

The Bible is the number one shoplifted book in America.

For decades, there's been a hard-fought and usually close battle between Coke and Pepsi in the United States...with each claiming some regional pockets of leadership. But globally it's no contest - Coca-Cola sales far outstrip sales of Pepsi-Cola internationally.

Facts Courtesy of
www.angelfire.com/ca6/uselessfacts

Words of Wisdom

"Humor is our way of defending ourselves from life's absurdities by thinking absurdly about them."

Lewis Mumford

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Education is a progressive study of our own ignorance."

Will Durant

Puzzle Time!

Puzzle Courtesy of
www.askoxford.com/wordgames/crossword/crosswordarchive

Across

- 1 Surviving but outdated custom (5)
- 4 Occasionally (9)
- 9 Preaching friar (9)
- 10 Light theatrical entertainment (5)
- 11 Straight-edged strip of material (5)
- 12 Skilful teller of anecdotes (9)
- 13 Administer (8)

- 14 Chinese tree bearing edible fruit (6)
- 17 Perceptive (6)
- 19 Magnificent (8)
- 22 Note having time value of two minims (9)
- 24 Disprove (5)
- 26 Author of Robinson Crusoe (5)
- 27 Filled with wonder (9)
- 28 Very small dog (9)
- 29 Container for tea (5)

Down

- 1 System for detecting position and speed of distant object (5)
- 2 Focus of public attention (9)

- 3 Principal (7)
- 4 Guarantee (8)
- 5 Danger (6)
- 6 Oppressive government (7)
- 7 Film (5)
- 8 Lead (9)
- 13 Expressive of enthusiastic feeling (9)
- 15 Narrow-minded (9)
- 16 Items of short-lived interest (8)
- 18 Group of motionless figures representing a scene (7)
- 20 Inconsistent (7)
- 21 Disconnect (6)
- 23 Civilian clothes (5)
- 25 Sweet wine (5)

